

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 25, 2006, claims 1, 4-9, 52-55, 57, 59-66 and 68-125 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,902,604 ("the '604 patent"). The Examiner asserts that while the claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other.

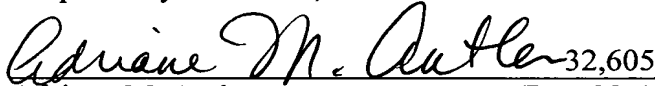
While not conceding the correctness of the rejection, Applicants submit concurrently herewith a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c), thus obviating the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the foregoing remarks into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the remarks made herein now place the application in condition for allowance. If any issues remain in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

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